

Reform in America – 1820-1860

(Teacher Key)

Categories:

Abolitionist, Women's Rights, Education, Art/Literature, Prisons/Mental Institutions

#	Reformer/Writer	Category	Accomplishments	Why did they matter?
	Harriet Beecher Stowe	Abolitionist Art/Literature	Wrote <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	By telling the evils of slavery, she caused more people to support abolishing it
1	William Lloyd Garrison	Abolitionist	Publisher of the "Liberator", favoring the immediate end of slavery. Strong words often caused controversy	His paper was very influential in arousing public feelings both for and against slavery.
2	Horace Mann	Education	Instituted minimum school year; doubled funding, increased # of schools; new methods	His ideas had a large effect on the expansion of education in America.
3	Susan B. Anthony	Abolitionist Women's Rights	Traveled and spoke all over the country against slavery and for Women's right to vote	Active for over 50 years in Women's rights movement- perhaps its most important figure
4	Frederick Douglass	Abolitionist	Born a slave; escaped, spoke out against slavery. Advisor to Lincoln in the Civil War	One of America's first great black speakers and writers – powerful voice for human rights
5	Dorothea Dix	Prisons/Mental Institutions	Played a major role in founding mental hospitals in America and Europe	One of the busiest and influential of social reformers – influence felt even today
6	Henry David Thoreau	Art/Literature	Wrote <i>Walden</i> and other works about respect for nature. Also wrote "Civil Disobedience" – about civic protest	One of the first truly American thinkers – a philosopher of nature, free thinking, and civil rights

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7	Harriet Tubman	Abolitionist	Famous “conductor” of the Underground Railroad (300 slaves to freedom); worked for North in Civil War	Her work encouraged the abolitionist cause; gave hope to countless slaves.
8	Sarah Grimke Angelina Grimke	Abolitionists Women’s Rights	Wrote extensively and campaigned to end slavery and establish rights for women.	“Trailblazers” for women and African Americans in the United States
9	Sojourner Truth	Abolitionist Women’s Rights	Traveled the country to speak out for abolitionism and women’s rights	Helped to spread the word about the evils of slavery and the need for rights for women.
10	Elizabeth Cady Stanton	Women’s Rights Abolitionist	Helped organize Seneca Falls Convention – Spoke out her entire life for Women’s suffrage	One of the great organizers and spokespersons for Women’s rights in the 19 th Century
11	John Greenleaf Whittier	Literature/Abolitionist	He not only wrote anti-slavery poems, but poems about his own region, New England.	One of America’s best known poets and abolitionists.
12	Walt Whitman	Literature/Abolitionist	He abandoned regular rhythm and rhyme in favor of free verse that followed no set pattern. His most famous work is <i>Leaves of Grass</i> .	Known by many as the father of modern American poetry,

Definition of Reform: Change that makes society better